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1. DURING A CALL I MADE AUGUST 16 ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KULAGA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN AFFAIRS IN THE MFA, WE DISCUSSED IN PASSING THE OUTLOOK FOR THE UPCOMING UNGA SESSION. KULAGA MENTIONED DISARMAMENT AS ONE AREA IN WHICH WE COULD ANTICIPATE SOME PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS, MOST OF THEM NOT VERY CONCRETE, WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE SSOD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. HOWEVER, KULAGA CONTINUED, ONE SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ISSUE, NAMELY THE QUESTION OF A CTB, COULD BECOME THE FOCUS OF SHARPER CRITICISM, ESPECIALLY FROM ACTIVIST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, IF HOPES THAT HAD BEEN RAISED FOR AN EARLY CTB TREATY WERE SEEN TO BE FADING. THIS CRITICISM, HE SAID, COULD BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST THE US IF RECENT REPORTS THAT WE WERE BACKING AWAY FROM OUR PREVIOUS APPROACH TO A CTB, INCLUDING A "ZERO YIELD" LIMIT ON TESTING, WERE SUBSTANTIATED. IN THAT EVENT, KULAGA SUGGESTED, THE US WOULD LIKELY BE SEEN

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3. COMMENT: KULAGA SUGGESTED, THE US WOULD LIKELY BE SEEN AS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS TOWARD A TREATY.

3. COMMENT: KULAGA'S OBSERVATIONS ON US POLICY TOWARD A CTB OBVIOUSLY WERE TRIGGERED BY AN ARTICLE BY

WASHINGTON POST WRITER WALTER PINCUS, FRONT-PAGED IN THE AUGUST 10 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE UNDER THE LARGE-TYPE HEADLINE "US STRATEGY AND A-TEST BAN IS CHANGING". THE LEAD PARAGRAPH OF THE ARTICLE READS: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS BACKED AWAY FROM ITS SUPPORT FOR QUICK CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES." THE ARTICLE SAID THE SOURCES NOW DO NOT EXPECT ANY CTB AGREEMENT UNTIL A SALT II AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND DEALT WITH BY THE SENATE.

4. BESIDES THE CONGRESSIONAL TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, "FIERCE OPPOSITION" FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY AND DEFENSE "OVER WHAT IS CALLED THE 'ZERO-YIELD CONCEPT' - ALLOWING EXPLOSIONS OF ONLY QUITE-SMALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS - ", AS WELL AS AN APPARENT CHANGE IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ATTITUDE ON THE DURATION OF THE TEST BAN, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIONS CHANGE IN APPROACH.

5. KULAGA IS A SOPHISTICATED DIPLOMAT, WELL-VERSED IN UN AFFAIRS INCLUDING DISARMAMENT. I THINK HE IS PROBABLY CORRECT IN SUGGESTING THAT THE US WOULD BEAR THE BRUNT OF CRITICISM IN THE UNGA IF A DELAY IN ACHIEVING CTB COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERCEIVED AS RESULTING FROM CHANGE IN US POLICY. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON OUR CURRENT PUBLICLY STATED CTB POLICY FOR USE BOTH WITH OUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND, IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE MEDIA INQUIRIES, ESPECIALLY AS THE UNGA GETS UNDER WAY. END COMMENT.
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